



Freedom Convoy 2022 - Coutts Port of Entry  
Coutts, Alberta

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Coutts Blockades  
January 29-February 15

Emergencies Act Announced

Emergencies Act Invoked

Emergencies Act Revoked

Government Decisions

Vaccine Passport Implemented  
Vaccine passport restrictions on international travel were implemented.  
2022-01-15 00:00

Teleconference Between Alberta Premier and RCMP  
The Premier's office reached out to Alberta RCMP and asked for a teleconference on 2022-02-01 at 12:00h PST hours.  
2022-02-01 12:30

Announcement that Alberta Mandates will be lifted  
Alberta Premier Jason Kenney announced that provincial mandates would be lifted in Alberta in the coming weeks.  
2022-02-08 17:00

Proof of Vaccination Ends in Alberta  
Alberta's proof of vaccination system ended.  
2022-02-09 00:00

Provincial Government  
Alberta Premier Jason Kenney looked to the RCMP to carry out enforcement at the Coutts border blockade.  
2022-02-11 12:00

Alberta Premier Publicly Opposes Emergencies Act  
Alberta Premier Jason Kenney said the provincial government would take a motion in legislature opposing invocation of the Emergencies Act. He called the invocation "spurious", "unrepresentative" and claimed it "violated natural justice".  
2022-02-17 21:11

Key Activities

Coutts Port of Entry Blocked  
Traffic to and from the Canadian side of the border crossing at Coutts, Alberta was completely blocked. However, the border remained open.  
2022-01-29 00:00

Demonstrators Opened One Inbound and Outbound Lane  
The demonstrators opened an inbound and outbound lane along Highway 4 to allow vehicle access to the border.  
2022-02-02 10:20

Tensions Between Supporters and Police Created Another Blockade  
The act of the RCMP escorting commercial vehicles from Checkpoint 10 to the port of entry resulted in demonstrators shutting down the highway. Checkpoint 10 was set up 18km north of the main site on Highway 4 at Highway 201. Highway 4 is the main highway leading to Coutts.  
2022-02-03 08:00

Documentation of Checkpoints  
A Cessna aircraft was seen flying low over Coutts within the early zone. There were multiple reports of vehicles attempting to circumvent RCMP checkpoints by using the ditches and grain tracks in order to access the Coutts site.  
2022-02-05 00:00

Number of Supporters Increased at Checkpoint 10  
Congestion grew at Checkpoint 10 and included approximately 500 vehicles and 1000 people.  
2022-02-05 15:00

Traffic at Coutts  
Single lanes of traffic allowed for restricted movement across the border, but delays were reported. A total of 52 commercial vehicles were present.  
2022-02-05 14:00

Demonstrators Reinforce Blockade  
After the announcement by the Alberta Premier, demonstrators reinforced the vehicles and firm intention to fully restrict movement and completely block the Coutts port of entry.  
2022-02-08 17:00

Del Bonita Port of Entry Traffic Increased  
Del Bonita port of entry saw a 937% increase in cross border traffic since Coutts closed.  
2022-02-11 14:00

Notice to Air Mission in Effect  
Notice to Air Mission was put into effect over Milk River and Coutts until.  
2022-02-16  
2022-02-15 10:00

Status of the Demonstration at Coutts  
Event activities continued throughout the weekend with crowds increasing in as many as 1,500 people. Police presence was maintained.  
2022-02-13 10:20

Notice to Air Mission Extended  
The Notice to Air Mission over Coutts and Milk River was extended until.  
2022-02-14 10:00

Attempted Criminal Act  
A large farm tractor, and a semi-truck, narrowly missed ramming a police vehicle. Both drivers were apprehended by police and vehicles were seized.  
2022-02-13 10:00

Coutts Port of Entry Remained Fully Operational  
The Coutts port of entry remained fully operational, with no border wait time.  
2022-02-15 12:00

Organizers

A Social Media Event Solicitation for Coutts Demonstration  
Relief Resources, a grassroots organization solicited participation for the 2022-01-29 Coutts event. They requested trucks and vehicles remain at the border until all mandates and restrictions were lifted.  
2022-01-29 00:00

Organizers Distanced Themselves From Splitter Groups  
The organizers of the Coutts event distanced themselves from splitter groups. Engagement with the Consultative Conflict Management Group diminished. The splitter groups refused to engage in ongoing communications.  
2022-01-30 00:00

Communication with Demonstrators Regarding Plan for Legal Event Site  
The Consultative Conflict Management Group worked with demonstrators, and the community, to develop a process to have events to Checkpoint 10 to allow them to have a legal event, for enhanced police and public safety.  
2022-02-06 14:00

Demonstrators Block Inbound and Outbound Lanes  
During police patrol of a tractor, which narrowly missed a member and other vehicles, a demonstrator attempted to block the pursuit, while three other vehicles moved to block both inbound and outbound lanes for the night. Later conversations with the driver indicated that they (demonstrators) wanted to show police that they could block the highway whenever they want.  
2022-02-07 20:30

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Court Appearance - Group  
A majority of the 13 individuals arrested on 2022-02-14 appeared in court and were released on conditions. Four individuals remained in custody on conspiracy to commit murder charges.  
2022-02-15 13:30

RCMP Activities

Alberta Divisional Emergency Operations Centre was Activated  
Alberta RCMP Divisional Emergency Operations Centre was activated.  
2022-01-29 00:00

Communication with Coutts Organizers  
On 2022-01-31, the Consultative Conflict Management Centre made contact with the organizers of the event. Discussions continued throughout the day however, diminished in the evening.  
2022-01-31 00:00

RCMP Enforcement Action Cancelled  
RCMP intended to take enforcement action at 10:00h PST but the law trust companies engaged to assist withdrew their participation due to negative attention and commentary on social media.  
2022-02-01 08:30

Coutts Blockade Forced Residents to Use Back Roads  
There were approximately 100 semi-trucks present at the main blockade. The town's people were unable to use the main highway and had to use a service road through a field to enter the town of Coutts.  
2022-02-02 09:30

Call Out for Towing Services  
Communication continued between the RCMP and the Towing and Recovery Association of Alberta in attempts to secure towing services. The RCMP announced to 80 different tow truck companies in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan for assistance however, they declined.  
2022-02-02 09:30

Judicial Authorization Approved  
Authorization to intercept pursuant to section 184(4) of the Criminal Code to prevent imminent harm to public was obtained.  
2022-02-11 14:21

Coutts Port of Entry Services Suspended  
At the request of the RCMP, the Canadian Border Services Agency suspended services at the Coutts port of entry to control vehicle access to the event site and ensure public and officer safety.  
2022-02-13 12:00

Search Warrants Obtained  
Search warrants were obtained for property and trailers at 306 Lt Avenue N and Smugglers Saloon in Coutts.  
2022-02-13 00:00

Successful Negotiation with Demonstrators  
An agreement between the Consultative Conflict Management Group, RCMP legal counsel and the counsel retained by the Splitters demonstration was reached. Demonstrations and vehicles agreed to vacate the roadway by 0900hrs on 2022-02-15.  
2022-02-14 00:00

Additional Arrests  
The RCMP arrested two more individuals in Coutts, for a total of 13 individuals today. Charge information included: Violating Criminal Code offences such as: Possession of a weapon, Using Threats and Conspiracy to Murder.  
2022-02-15 13:00

Checkpoint 10 Demanded  
Efforts to dismantle Checkpoint 10 commenced with the goal of voluntary compliance or moving any remaining demonstrators to the salt event site in Milk River.  
2022-02-15 13:30

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